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Special Warrants (SW)















Clerk's Office - Maricopa County



Clerk of the Superior Court for Maricopa County, Arizona Michael K. Jeanes, Clerk

Superior Court

Makes Judicial Rulings



Clerk of Superior Court

Maintains official Court Records



Maricopa County Superior Court

The Arizona State Constitution defines the court and the clerk as two separate agencies.

Superior Court – Judicial Branch



"The Bench"

Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell

Clerk of the Superior Court



"The Clerk"

Elected Official – Michael K. Jeanes

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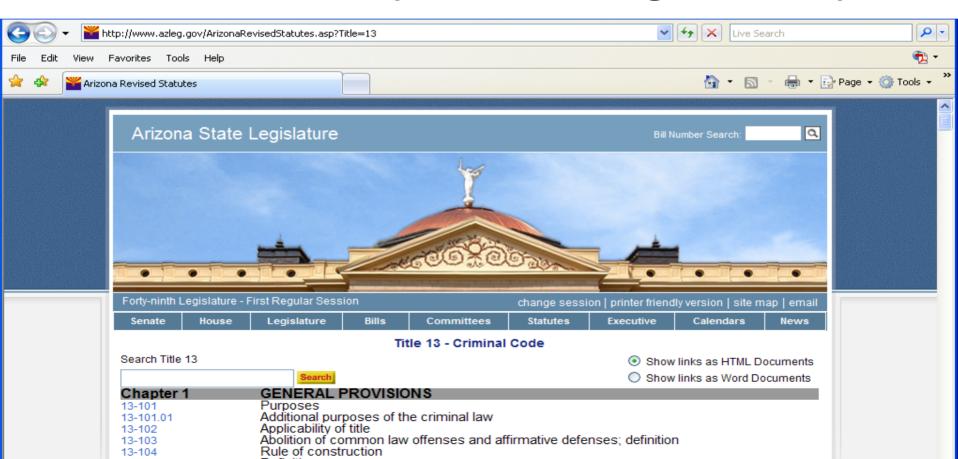
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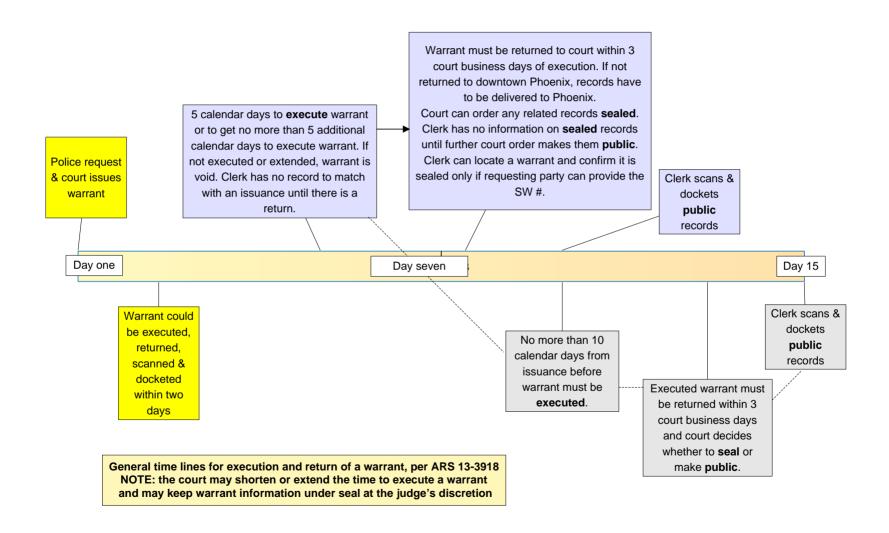
- search warrants
- buccal swabs
- blood draws
- pen registers
- wire taps

Search Warrants, see:

- Arizona Revised Statutes,
 - **→** Title 13,
 - Article 8 (13-3911 through 13-3925)



Search Warrant Process

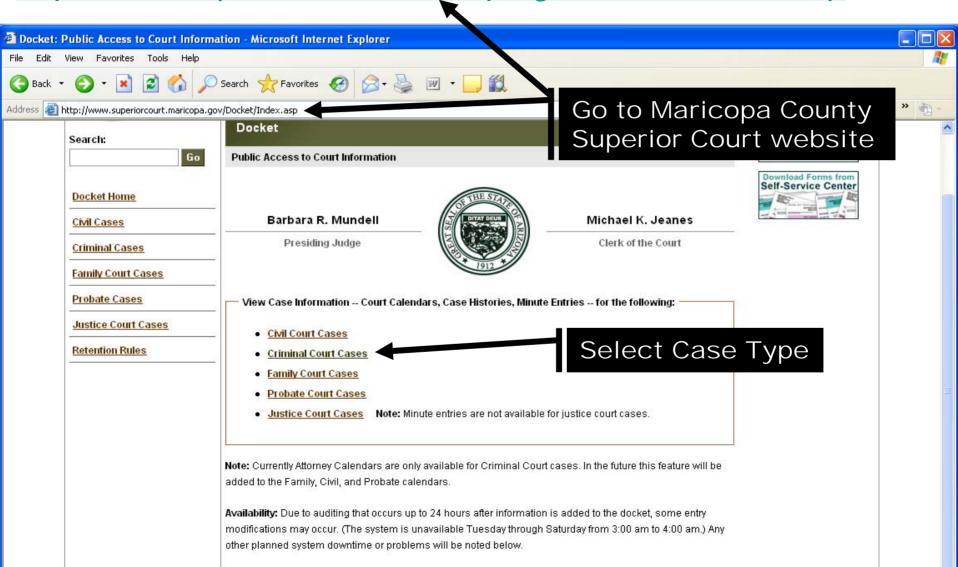


Search Warrants – Public Unsealed

- Generally, a search warrant may be issued, executed, returned and available as a public record in as few as two days or as many as 15 days. The court has discretion to extend timeframes or keep records under seal to preserve ongoing investigations or as justice requires.
- Providing the Clerk an SW number is the best way to locate a record. The Clerk can search for a record based on a name or location, but this takes longer and is not the most reliable method.
- The content of public records are available as they were filed with the Clerk – the Clerk only redacts information when instructed to do so by court order.

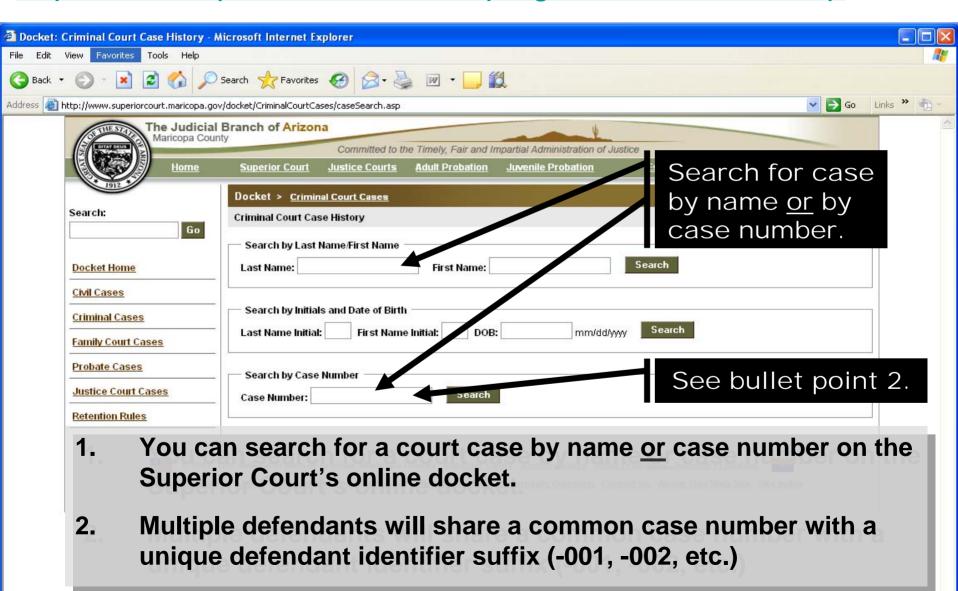
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Public records are available at public access terminals around the Valley







Clerk's Office locations with public access terminals

http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/clerk_loc.asp









Search Warrants - Sealed

- If a search warrant is sealed, the Clerk's Office can only locate it by the SW number. The Clerk can confirm a SW is sealed if the SW# is provided.
- Sealed search warrants remain sealed until further order of the court. If additional information is desired, a court order to unseal the warrant is required.
- A motion to obtain information on a sealed search warrant must be filed with the Criminal Court Presiding Judge.



For more information, visit the Clerk's website at

www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov

or contact the Clerk's Public Affairs & Education department:

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